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**Statement of Egypt on behalf of the Arab Group
in closing 45th session CPD**

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Egypt is speaking on behalf of 21 Arab states; Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. Allow me Mr. Chair to join all delegations to congratulate you on reaching an agreement on the draft resolution entitled “Adolescents and youth” and adopting it. I extend also our appreciation to the facilitator and secretariat who worked hard to help all of us during the negotiations.

The Arab Group joined the consensus on the draft resolution despite of the reservations it has on the draft resolution in the framework and atmosphere of cooperation and friendship which appeared from the very beginning of the negotiation process. The Arab Group reserves on PP15 in line of its member states’ reservations on ICPD.

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